

REMARKS

Since the Advisory Actions of March 31, and April 14, 2004 indicated that the Reply of March 5, 2004 and the Supplemental Amendment of March 11, 2004 had not been entered, the proposed amendments to the claims are again being presented in this Reply. However, since the Examiner included an approved correction to Fig. 12 with the Advisory Action of March 31, 2004, this correction is not being presented again.

In the Office Action of September 5, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 7, 11-13, and 18-28 contained allowable subject matter.

New independent claim 29 is a combination of claims 1, 2, and 5 and claims 30 and 31 depend from claim 29. In the Advisory Actions, the Examiner objected to claim 29 on the grounds it did not include all of the subject matter of claim 1, namely the limitation "and located along at least one of the ends to deliver light directly into the plate." The reason this was not included in claim 29 was because it was not necessary and, in fact, would have been improper, once the subject matter of claim 5 was included in the claim, which it is in its entirety. Reconsideration of the refusal to accept claim 29 is therefore requested.

New independent claim 32 is a combination of claims 1 and 7 and claims 33 and 34 depend therefrom. Claim 7 contained an error in that the term "light diffuser plate" should have been "light distribution plate." This has been corrected in new claim 32. Support for this can be found on page 5, line 35 to page 6, line 15 of the specification. It is believed claim 32 should still be allowable for the same reason claim 7 was considered allowable.

Independent claim 35 is a combination of claims 1 and 11; independent claim 36 is a combination of claims 1 and 12 and claim 37 depends from claim 36; independent

claim 38 is a combination of claims 1 and 18 and claims 39 and 40 depend from claim 38; independent claim 41 is a combination of claims 1 and 21 and claims 42 and 43 depend from claim 41; claim 44 is a combination of claims 1 and 24 and claims 45 and 46 depend from claim 44; claim 47 is a combination of claims 1, 2, 3, and 24 and claims 48-52 depend from claim 47 and claim 53 is a combination of claims 1 and 26. Independent claim 54 is a claim like original claim 1, but containing both the light reflector plate and the display film as well as the subject matter of claim 24. Thus all of claims 35-54 contain the subject matter of an allowable claim.

In the Advisory Action of April 14, 2004, the Examiner indicated there was no antecedent basis for the phrase "the distance d1" in claim 54. This has been changed to "a distance d1" in the new claim 54. A similar change has also been made in claims 44 and 47.

It is believed claims 29-54 are in condition for allowance.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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